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C O N F I D E N T I A L VALLETTA 1309

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CSCE: MALTESE ATTENDANCE

REF: VALLETTA 1276

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MINTOFF WILL LEAVE SUNDAY FOR HELSINKI, OVERNIGHTING IN ROME ENROUTE.

2. ACTING SECRETARY AT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MAURICE ABELA, TOLD US HE IS NOW SCHEDULED TO BE IN MALTESE DELEGATION BUT NOTED THIS COULD BE CHANGED AT LAST MINUTE. AS DELEGATION NOW STANDS, IT WILL CONSIST OF MINTOFF, ABELA, SALIBA AND CAMILLERI (REFTEL).

3. IF THERE IS ANY OCCASION TO APPROACH MALTESE DELEGATION BELOW FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO KNOW THAT ABELA IS AFFABLE BUREAUCRAT WHO IS SPECIALIST IN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. HE IS NOT KNOWN TO HAVE ANY PARTICULAR INFLUENCE ON MINTOFF, ALTHOUGH LATTER APPARENTLY CONSIDERS
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HIM MODERATELY USEFUL. LIKE MOST MALTESE BUREAUCRATS,
HE IS TERRIFIED OF HIS BOSS . CAMILLERI IS RESERVED AND
TACITURN BUT BERY CLOSE TO MINTOFF. WE BELIEVE HE RARELY
ARGUES WITH MINTOFF OR TAKES POSITION ON MATTERS OF
SUBSTANCE. HE IS NORMALLY A RELIABLE TRANSMISSION
BELT AND ON OCCASIONS HAS BEEN EXTREMELY HELPFUL, E. G.,
HE WAS THE ONE WHO WAS OUR AGENT FOR TURNING MALTESE
POSITION AROUND TO FAVOR U. S. PROPOSAL ON DIVISION OF
UN ASSESSMENTS. THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN MPT WILL
KNOW SALIBA BETTER THAN WE. GETZ

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